World Bank's assistance to private companies of Orissa

229. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank, now funding power sector reforms in Orissa, is proposing its flow of funds to the private distribution companies instead of State Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Finance Minister is opposing such a proposal; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pension liabilities of Government

230. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Working Group to review its pension liability over the short, medium term and assessment of liabilities in the future;

(b) if so, whether the Group has submitted its report, if so, the main recommendations thereof;

(c) how much time Government would take to examine/implement the recommendations; and

(d) whether Government intend to set up separate Group to assess the percentage of contribution required from employees so as to restrict its pension liabilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India had constituted a Working Group on "Assessment of Government of India's Pensionary Liability." The terms of reference of the Working Group included estimation of